

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES



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Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Winter Reading Display at Blacksburg



Henrico County Public Library

Ninjago Night

On January 27, more than 100 would-be ninjas invaded the Tuckahoe branch of Henrico County Public Library for **Ninjago Night**. Participants made ninja headbands and finger puppets, voted for their favorite Ninjago character, and participated in two types of ninja training - an obstacle course and taekwondo demonstration. They also played ninja games, with Serpentine bowling, scavenger hunt, and ninja bean bag toss. After completing all the activities, participants earned the title of Spinjitzu Master and happily checked out all of the Tuckahoe's Ninjago books and DVDs.



Young ninjas carefully listen to the taekwondo instructor to become Spinjitzu Masters.



They also struck their best ninja pose, posing with props taken from the show.



After crawling through a tunnel, participants had to dispose of radioactive waste during the obstacle course.



In order to become Spinjitzu Masters, participants had to complete six main activities.

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From Jan Brett

Hedgie's Valentines



Check out the Valentine selections from Jan Brett on her website at:

<http://www.janbrett.com/index.html>

Dates to Remember

Regional Early Literacy Activity Center Exchanges, Spring 2014

Thursday, March 6.....	Waynesboro Public Library	Waynesboro
Friday, March 7	Bedford Public Library.....	Central Library
Friday, March 28	Pamunkey Library System.....	Ashland
Thursday, April 3	Southside Regional Library	Boydton Public Library
Tuesday, April 8.....	Chesapeake Public Library	Central Library
Friday, April 11.....	Tazewell County Public Library	Tazewell
Thursday, April 17.....	Middlesex County Public Library	Location to be announced
Friday, May 2.....	Prince William County Library System.....	Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas

Workshops

Friday, February 7, 2014.....	STEM for Librarians.....	Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond
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Online Courses

January 13–February 14, 2014.....	Early Literacy and Books: Making the Connection.....	online course
January 13–February 14, 2014.....	Libraries and Autism: We're Connected.....	online course
February 17–March 21, 2014	Early Literacy and Books: Making the Connection.....	online course

From Enid's desk**Facing Facebook**

Facebook is now celebrating its 10 year anniversary. If your library Facebook page needs a bit of lift or if you have suddenly become in charge of the library's Facebook, you might want to look at the Library Development and Networking Division's (LDND) Facebook page, located on the web at <https://www.facebook.com/virginia.ldnd>

Each weekend we post items of interest to our Facebook page. These usually include an early literacy tip, an app, a day in history, a celebration item, a bedtime math post, a library resource, a library quote, the Tumblebooks link, and something from DaybyDayVA.org webpage. Most recently we added a scavenger hunt for red feathers in one of the library resources.

We post these items with the hope that you will find them of interest and use them on your Facebook page, and perhaps save you some time. Please repost them as presented or tweak them to fit your library's page.

Red Feather Scavenger Hunt

Recently we revamped our public scavenger hunt on **Credo Reference**. The story, off the record, on the QT, and very hush-hush, is that **Booker, the Credo Cardinal**, was having a clandestine romp through **Literati Public** and **Homework Help** and lost a few feathers. The public story is that Booker is not feeling well and lost several feathers molting (– yes, yes, molting – which all birds do). **We are asking the public to help find the feathers, and while doing so familiarize themselves with Literati Public and Homework Help.** For each feather found the finder may enter his or her public library into a drawing for a snack basket for that library's break room. The drawing will be held six times a year or every other month.

This is what Booker's lost feather looks like: 

Contact Enid if you have questions. ■

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Virginia State Reading Association**Virginia Readers' Choice**

Virginia Readers' Choice is sponsored by The Virginia State Reading Association in association with

- The Virginia Educational Media Association
- The Virginia Library Association, and
- The Library of Virginia Youth Services.

Purpose

To encourage young readers to become better acquainted with contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal, to broaden students' awareness of literature as a life-long pleasure, to encourage reading aloud in classrooms as a means of introducing reading for pleasure, and to honor favorite books and their authors.

History

- Awards were given at one level for several years beginning with the 1981-82 school year.
- The first year for multiple level awards was 1986-87 with awards for one Elementary book, one Middle School book, and one High School book.
- Suggested titles are screened and those meeting eligibility requirements are considered along with committee nominations during the selection process.
- Reading lists for the coming school year are announced each spring.

Eligibility

- The book must be recognized as noteworthy in the field of children's/young adult literature.
- The book must be published within three years prior to the ballot on which it appears.
- Books must be appropriate for the level for which it is nominated.

Awards

A winner will be announced for each level- Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School. The winning book will have gathered the highest number of votes in their category. The winners will be announced in the Spring of each year.

Voting Procedures

To become a qualified voter, a participant must be exposed to at least four of the nominated books at each level in their entirety by reading them himself, having them read aloud to him, or a combination of the two.

Students may participate in the Virginia Readers' Choice Program through a public library, school library, or classroom.

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Virginia Readers' Choice

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Each qualified voter has one vote for his/her favorite book at each level. A participant may vote at more than one level – for instance an elementary student may choose to vote for an elementary level title and a primary level title.

A responsible adult in a classroom or library setting must monitor the voting, and only one official tally sheet per program level (Primary, Elementary, etc.) may be submitted from each public library or school regardless of how many individual groups within that school/library take part in the program. The total number of votes submitted from a school/library may not exceed the number of students qualified to vote from that school/library.

The winning book for each level is selected by popular vote of the participating students evaluating the books. Votes must meet the deadline date to be included in the popular vote.

2013-14 Virginia Readers' Choice Lists:

NOTE: Books are selected based on literary merit. Since censorship is not part of this committee's function, there may be isolated words in some books that may be found objectionable to certain members of your community. Those people should select alternate books on the list.

Primary

- **Over and Under the Snow** by Kate Messner
- **Tiny Little Fly** by Michael Rosen
- **These Hands** by Margaret H. Mason
- **A Zeal of Zebras: An Alphabet of Collective Nouns** by Woop Studios
- **Pumpkin Trouble** by Jan Thomas
- **Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers
- **Swirl by Swirl Spirals in Nature** by Joyce Sidman
- **Extra Yarn** by Mac Barnett
- **Oh No, George!** by Chris Haughton

Elementary

- **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate
- **8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel divided by 1 Dog = Chaos** by Vivian Vande Velde
- **The Lemonade Crime** by Jacqueline Davies
- **Star in the Forest** by Laura Resau
- **My Invisible Sister** by Beatrice Colin and Sara Pinto
- **Waiting for the Magic** by Patricia McLachlan
- **Fractions = Trouble!** by Claudia Mills
- **Ghost Buddy: Zero to Hero** by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

- **Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of an American Feud** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain
- **Hound Dog True** by Linda Urban

Middle

- **The False Prince** by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- **Hidden** by Helen Frost
- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- **Okay for Now** by Gary Schmidt
- **Quarterback Season** by Fred Bowen
- **Storm Runners** by Roland Smith
- **The Summer I Learned to Fly** by Dana Reinhardt
- **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio
- **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick
- **You'll Like it Here** by Ruth White

High

- **Anya's Ghost** by Vera Brosgol
- **Between Shades of Gray** by Ruta Sepetys
- **Choker** by Elizabeth Woods
- **Daughter of Smoke and Bone** by Laini Taylor
- **The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
- **Hold Me Closer, Necromancer** by Lish McBride
- **Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love** by Larry Levin
- **The Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater
- **Something Like Hope** by Shawn Goodman
- **This Dark Endeavor** by Kenneth Oppel

Links to these lists in Word and PDF formats may be found on the website shown below:

Source: <https://www.vusra.org/virginia-readers-choice/> ■

Winter Reading Program 2014



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